

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An image capturing apparatus comprising:
an image sensor provided with a chip having an image capturing area and a package to which the chip is attached, said image capturing area including ~~a plurality of four~~ blocks respectively including a plurality of pixels and forming a grid structure of two lines and two rows, each of the blocks having image information read-out lines;
an optical system for focusing incident light from an object to be captured on the image capturing area of the image sensor; and
a position adjustment mechanism for changing a relative position between the image capturing area of the image sensor and an optical axis of the incident light directed from the optical system to the image capturing area, by 1/2 of one or both of a longitudinal and lateral length of the blocks determined by the number and position in the grid of operational blocks of the plurality of blocks, such that the center of the image capturing area of operational blocks coincides with the optical axis of the incident light.
2. (Original) An image capturing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the position adjustment mechanism is capable of displacing the image sensor with respect to the optical axis.
3. (Original) An image capturing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the position adjustment mechanism is capable of displacing the optical system with respect to the image sensor.
4. (Currently amended) An image capturing apparatus comprising:
an image sensor provided with a chip having an image capturing area and a package to which the chip is attached, said image capturing area

including ~~a plurality~~ determined number of blocks at most, each of the blocks having ~~an~~ image information read-out lines;

an optical system for focusing incident light from an object to be captured on the image capturing area of the image sensor;

an image sensor mount section to which the image sensor is removably attached,

wherein a plurality of different packages are provided including a package in which the chip having all the determined number of blocks is attachable so that a center of all the determined number of blocks constituting the image capturing area coincides with an optical axis of the incident light, and another package to which the chip having the blocks of less than the determined number is attachable so that a center of ~~at least one of~~ the blocks of less than the determined number constituting the image capturing area coincides with the optical axis of the incident light.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)